

Appendix 3 – Hitchin British Schools Trust

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	6088			
Name of Organisation	The British Schools Museum operated by Hitchin British Schools Trust			
Organisation Type	Museum – Registered Charity			
Ward	The Museum is in Hitchin Highbury Ward			
Project Type	Museum display			
Green option considered?	/			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	Cllr Jon Clayden is a NHC Member representative			
Previous financial support within six years	None			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,133	Total project cost	£2,333	

Officer Summary

The British Schools Museum’s mission is to preserve the last remaining Monitorial Schoolroom in the world. They use it and their other historical classrooms to tell the story of the history of education. They host school trips for children to experience historical school lessons and open to the public as a Museum space at the weekends.

They are applying for funding towards putting on an exhibition from Spring 2025 - Autumn 2025 on the childhood story books of the late Queen Mother, Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. The Bowes-Lyon family, and their ancestral home close to Hitchin at St Paul’s Walden Bury, are an important and much-loved part of the town’s history. They hope to bring a part of this history to life in a way that has never been explored before, and to open it free to all visitors in an accessible space, ensuring that no members of the community are excluded. They hope for around 1000+ local visitors during their standard opening hours.

For this, they need to ensure that their display room is adequate in terms of heating, humidity, lighting and display for these precious books. There is currently no working heater in this space. This project would also enable them to make this space accessible both for this display and beyond for future exhibitions. As they envision inviting members of the community to collaborate with them in using this display space, to create shared exhibitions that focus on areas of particular interest to different groups.

The heater and dehumidifier are recommended by their electrician Oliver Russell Ltd as adequate for the needs of the room. The other items have been sourced from internet research as the best value for money.

Raymond James Consulting (Hitchin) are sponsoring £1,000 and the British Schools Museum are contributing £200 from their reserves.

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation

Breakdown of costs:

• Dimplex Night Storage Heater	£1188
• Storage Heater Installation	£150
• 2x 20l Dehumidifier	£300
• 12 x Security Acrylic Shelf Covers	£358.68
• 8x Foamex Information Display Boards	£222.56
• 1x Acrylic Map Display Board	£87.66
• 30m LED Light Strips	£26